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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 57.1 degrees, 6.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, May 25. Precipitation averaged 0.82 inches, 0.09 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 34 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, May 23. This is 2.0 days less than last year and 2.0 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 62 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	1.3	0.7	25.2
2002	3.3	1.0	15.7
1998-2002 Average	3.3	4.2	29.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	38	62
Last Week	0	0	35	65
Same Week Last Year	0	0	67	33
1998-2002 Average	2	10	61	28

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 25

Reporters estimate 88 percent of the **Corn** crop has been planted. This is 15 days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the five-year average. Seventy-five percent of corn plants have emerged. This is 18 days ahead of last year and five days ahead of the five-year average. **Soybean** producers have 52 percent of their crop planted. This is 12

days ahead of 2002 but seven days behind the five-year average. Thirty-nine percent of soybean plants have emerged. This is 15 days ahead of last year and one day behind of the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 67 percent headed. This is six days ahead of last year but two days behind the five-year average. Reporters estimated one percent of winter wheat has turned color. This is the same as last year and the same as the five year average. Seven percent of **Oat** plants are now headed. This is one day behind last year and three days behind the 1998-2002 average. Approximately 77 percent of the **Potato** crop have been planted. This is eight days ahead of last year, but five days behind the five-year average. Farmers harvested 12 percent of **Alfalfa** hay and six percent of other hay last week.

Vegetable producers have 29 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** planted. This is three days behind last year and seven days behind the 1998-02 average. **Strawberry** growers have seven percent of their crops harvested. This is six days ahead of last year and two days ahead of the five-year average.

Wet conditions continue to persist across much of the state of Ohio. Respondents indicated there are still locations which are flooded. Farmers in various locations started to replant fields which were damaged by heavy rains. In some parts of the state, reporters indicated that as much as 40 percent of the corn will need to be replanted. Where conditions were favorable, producers planted corn and soybeans. Growers sprayed corn and soybean fields. Vegetable producers continued harvesting radishes and green onions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 56 percent good to excellent condition. Slug damage was reported in some of the no-till fields. Reporters rated winter wheat at 80 percent good to excellent condition. Respondents estimated pastures at 77 percent good to excellent condition. Pastures are reported to be soggy and in need of cutting. Livestock was rated at 85 percent good to excellent condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 25

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 ST cutting	12	10	25	4	NA
Corn planted	88	42	84	86	77
Corn emerged	75	19	64	72	43
Oats headed	7	8	10	2	NA
Other hay 1 ST cutting	6	7	18	2	NA
Potatoes planted	77	69	85	77	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	29	41	57	8	NA
Soybeans planted	52	18	68	46	25
Soybeans emerged	39	6	42	31	9
Strawberries harvested	7	3	6	NA	NA
Winter wheat headed	67	37	74	17	68
Winter wheat turning color	1	1	1	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 25

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	9	33	47	9
Previous Week	1	6	36	47	10
Previous Year	5	16	47	28	4
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	7	21	58	13
Previous Week	2	3	17	62	16
Previous Year	1	8	27	54	10
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	13	70	15
Previous Week	0	2	13	68	17
Previous Year	0	2	16	65	17
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	27	58	9
Previous Week	0	5	25	54	16
Previous Year	1	10	34	50	5
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	19	59	18
Previous Week	1	3	21	59	16
Previous Year	1	4	24	57	14
STRAWBERRIES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	22	60	15
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	4	5	33	48	10
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	16	55	25
Previous Week	1	2	15	57	25
Previous Year	3	7	25	51	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 25

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	56.5	-6.2	0.22	-0.76	8.29	2.15	66	-30	442	-9
North Central	55.1	-7.1	0.73	-0.20	7.83	1.66	57	-35	443	10
Northeast	54.0	-6.8	1.65	0.76	7.48	1.16	49	-38	430	13
West Central	57.8	-6.0	0.44	-0.49	8.34	1.51	71	-31	522	30
Central	57.8	-6.1	0.77	-0.08	8.98	2.28	72	-32	547	34
Central Hills	55.1	-7.1	0.98	0.05	8.43	1.74	56	-38	485	27
Northeast Hills	55.2	-7.1	1.17	0.23	8.41	1.87	55	-40	478	3
Southwest	59.2	-5.7	0.53	-0.42	8.96	1.19	76	-33	584	38
South Central	59.9	-5.0	1.04	0.21	10.40	3.69	77	-33	619	33
Southeast	57.9	-5.7	0.91	0.05	8.60	1.95	69	-34	566	33
STATE	57.1	-6.2	0.82	-0.09	8.61	1.94	66	-34	517	22

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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